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Trinity Site Open House Now Open Twice a Year

White Sands Missile Range, N.M., Feb. 26, 2015 – Trinity Site, where the first atomic bomb was tested, will once again be open to the public twice a year, with the next Trinity Site Open House scheduled April 4.

Due to fiscal constraints within the Department of Defense, WSMR had reduced the Trinity Site Open House from twice to once a year. The site will now be open twice a year, the first Saturday in April and October.

WSMR Commander Brig. Gen. Timothy Coffin facilitated the recommendation to re-open the event twice a year.

"Trinity Site is a national historic testing landmark where the theories and engineering of some of the nation's brightest minds were tested with the detonation of the first nuclear bomb, technologies which then helped end World War II," said WSMR Commander Brig. Gen. Timothy Coffin. "It is important for us to share Trinity with the public even though the site is located inside a very active military test range. We have travelers from as far away as Australia who travel to visit this historic landmark. Facilitating access twice per year allows more people the chance to visit this historic site."

The open house is free. At the site, visitors can take a quarter-mile walk to ground zero where a small obelisk marks the exact spot where the bomb exploded. Historical photos are mounted on the fence surrounding the area.

Once at the site, visitors also can ride a shuttle bus two miles to the Schmidt/McDonald ranch house. The ranch house is where the scientists assembled the plutonium core of the bomb.

“As stewards of this significant historical site we want to ensure the public continues to have access to Trinity Site so that we can continue to share this story with future generations,” said Erin Dorrance, White Sands Missile Range Public Affairs Officer.

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